

REMARKS

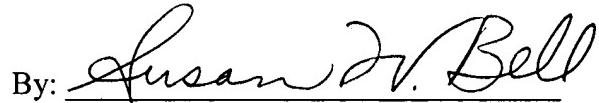
Claims 2-18 remain pending in this application. Claims 10-18 have been allowed. Claim 1 has been canceled in order to place the application in condition for allowance and not for reasons of patentability. Claims 5-9 have been amended so that they are no longer dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 5, 6, and 9 have been placed in independent form, and claims 7 and 8 have been amended so as to depend from amended claim 6. Further, claims 2-4 have been amended so as to depend from an allowable base claim, namely, amended claim 5. Accordingly, pending claims 2-18 are in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance and eventual issuance. Such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments which need be addressed in order to obtain allowance, please contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Acknowledgement of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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